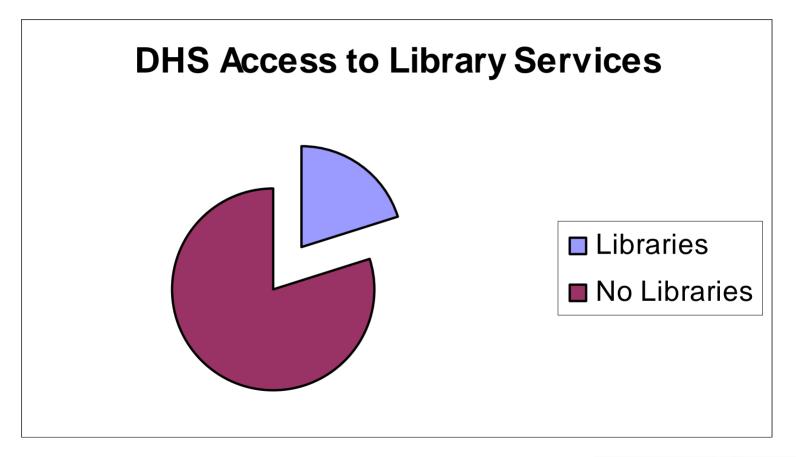
Establishing a Federal Library Reference Service

The DHS Experience



DHS Library Service





The Beginning

- DHS Working Group, FLICC
 - gathered participants
 - developed proposal
 - submitted to DHS
 - started work for setup
 - funded late December 2003



The Deal

- 24 Federal Libraries & Information Centers agreed:
 - to provide Virtual Reference services to the entire Department of Homeland Security
 - to deliver two reports: an interim (December 2004) and a final (May 2005)
- DHS agreed:
 - to subscribe to QuestionPoint for one year
 - to fund initial training and travel
 - to pay for promotional items



The Rewards

DHS

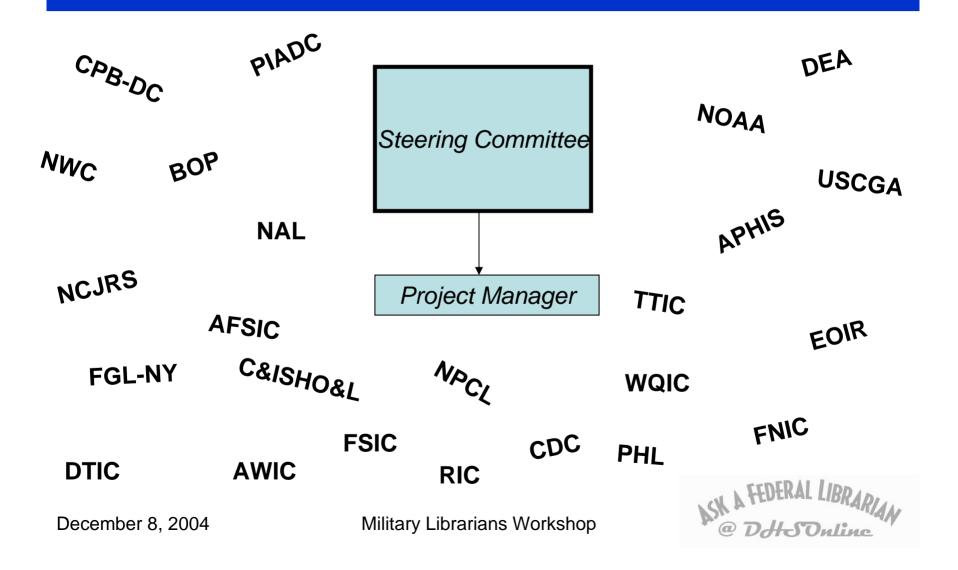
- access to library collections and library services for one year
- information to assist in planning agency library services

Federal libraries

- assist a brand new sister agency
- opportunity to learn QP software
- chance to work with different libraries and librarians



The Structure



The Experience

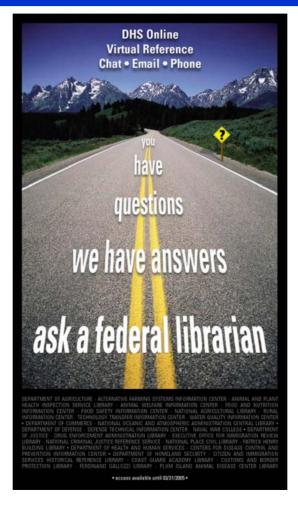




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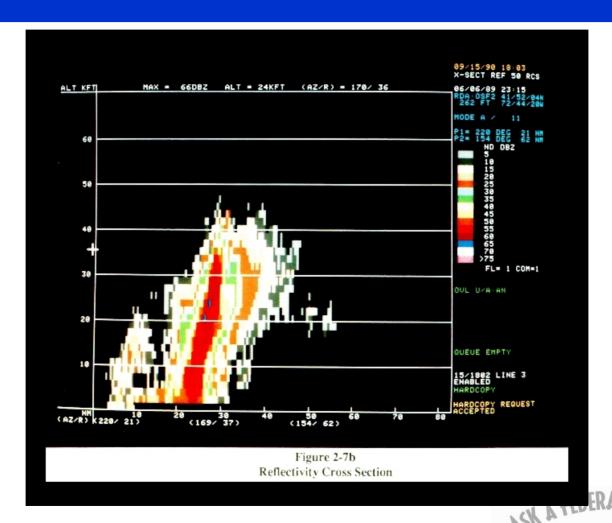
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Questions





At Sea



